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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

JOSHUA PANTOJAS,  
Defendant.

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: ORDER  
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WHEREAS defendant JOSHUA PANTOJAS and the Government seek to proceed with a change-of-plea proceeding via video conference (or phone conferencing, if video is not reasonably available) instead of a personal appearance in court.

WHEREAS, in view of the ongoing pandemic, judges in the Southern District of New York have regularly employed video and phone conferencing to conduct change-of-plea and other court proceedings.

WHEREAS the defendant will plead guilty pursuant to a plea agreement, and there is a possibility that the Court may enter a sentence of time served.

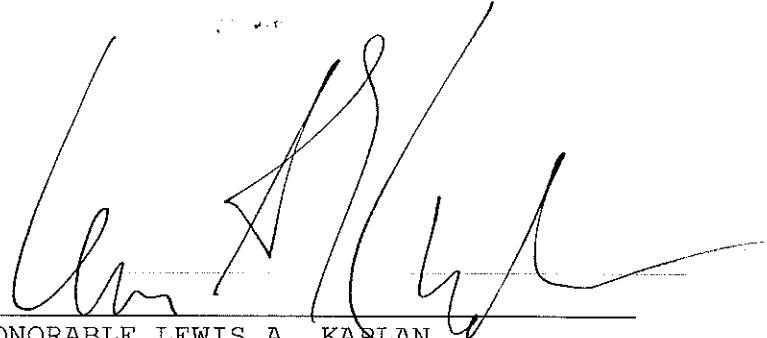
THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that the defendant's change-of-plea proceeding cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice, for the reasons proffered by the parties.

See § 15002 (b) (2) of the Coronavirus Air, Relief, and Economic.

Security ("CARES") Act.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York  
December 8, 2021



THE HONORABLE LEWIS A. KAPLAN  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York